



March 10, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 33

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign the topic of the societal impact of teenage pregnancy education to the appropriate committee.

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February 13, 2014 , read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

March 5, 2014, reported favorably —Do Pass.

March 10, 2014, Amended; adopted voice vote.



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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council
2 to assign the topic of the societal impact of teenage pregnancy
3 education to the appropriate study committee.

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5 *Whereas, The United States has one of the highest teen*
6 *pregnancy rates in the western industrialized world. It is twice*
7 *the rate of Canada, and four times higher than France and*
8 *Germany;*

9 *Whereas, The United States spends \$7 billion each year due*
10 *to costs associated with teen pregnancy;*

11 *Whereas, Indiana has a higher teen pregnancy rate than the*
12 *national average;*

13 *Whereas, Parenthood is the leading reason teen girls drop*
14 *out of school, causing more than half of teen mothers to never*
15 *graduate from high school;*

16 *Whereas, Less than 2% of teenage mothers have earned a*
17 *college degree by age 30;*

18 *Whereas, Over 30% of teenagers have had at least one*



1 *pregnancy before turning 20;*

2 *Whereas, 80% of all unmarried teenage mothers end up on*
 3 *welfare;*

4 *Whereas, Half of all unmarried teenage mothers end up on*
 5 *welfare in their first year of parenthood;*

6 *Whereas, Daughters of teenage mothers are 22% more*
 7 *likely than their peers to become teenage mothers, while sons*
 8 *of teenage mothers have a 13% greater chance than their peers*
 9 *of ending up in prison;*

10 *Whereas, Higher teenage pregnancy rates translate into*
 11 *higher abortion rates in the United States;*

12 *Whereas, 80% of teenage pregnancies are unintended;*

13 *Whereas, In 2010, the reported public expenditures for*
 14 *family planning client services totaled \$22.4 million, including*
 15 *\$14.6 million through Medicaid in Indiana; and*

16 *Whereas, Averting unintended pregnancies in Indiana*
 17 *saved the federal and state governments \$115.9 million in*
 18 *Medicaid costs for pregnancy-related and newborn care in*
 19 *2010; Therefore,*

20 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
 21 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

22 SECTION 1. The Legislative Council is urged to assign the topic
 23 of the societal impact of teenage pregnancy education to the
 24 appropriate study committee.

